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1. Plans have been completed for the construction of an underground cable, exclusively for Soviet military use. The cable will run between Elblag (Q55/Y90) and Broniewo (sic) near the Polish-USSR border.* Construction is scheduled to begin during February 1952. The cable is called an electro-technical cable (in Polish, "elektroteletchniczny") and is designed to transmit telephone and telegraph messages as well as "bloki" (sic). According to the plans, the new cable will run along the north side of the railroad line from Elblag in the direction of Broniewo, but at an undetermined point it will switch to the south side of the line.

2. The new cable is intended to supplement a similar cable now in existence between Elblag and Gdansk (Q55/Y42) which was constructed by the Germans during World War II. The German-constructed cable is also used exclusively by the Soviets. As soon as the new section of cable is completed, construction will begin on a third section to run from Elblag to Szczecin (Q54/Q55).

3. Construction work will probably be carried out by Polish technicians and laborers. The project is classified as secret and at present only top members of the Polish railroad administration and Polish technicians directly concerned with the planning are informed of it.

A telephone cable was laid by Soviet engineers in September 1951 between Munkacs (Q51/Z24) and Karczew (Q51/Y57). The poles which carried approximately 40 telephone lines followed the highway from Sorkow to Chrzestow. From Chrzestow the cable went directly across the fields to Szczelnow, and then again along the road from Myslowice to Gdansk, where through the wood south of the city it ran on to Karczew.

Comment: Broniewo lies south of Torun at 52°40'N, 18°31'E in central Poland. It is believed, however, that reference to Broniewo at 54°23'N, 19°50'E, lying near the Baltic coast on the Polish-USSR border.

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